Sherry Paris first received our Teacher as Hero Award in 2012. One of the achievements she was recognized for was serving as the advisor of the Diversity Trainers Club at her school. This program aligns very closely with our Museum’s mission and it is the reason we have maintained such close ties with her over the years.

As advisor to this Club, each fall Ms. Paris coordinates training sessions with representatives from local organizations to teach more than 200 high school students the basic principles of diversity and inclusion. They then not only work to help prevent and defuse intolerant and bullying behavior at their own school, they also present interactive lessons to groups of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to pass their new-found skills along to younger students.

Ms. Paris has become a significant partner to the Museum. She has brought our Outreach Program to her school many times, and nominated one of her Club leaders for our Young Hero Award. For her continued dedication to promoting diversity, we are proud to elevate her to “Superhero.”